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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Also enclosed is a copy of an Official Action issued in the corresponding Japanese application.

Reference AL is a publication in Japanese in which comparison between the codebook mapping based method and the HMM based method on speech-to-lip movement synthesis is disclosed by E. Yamamoto, S. Nakamura, and K. Shikano.

This publication compares the HMM method with the VQ method to suggest availability of the HMM method. The publication discloses a method for generating an image system of a natural motion capable of lip-reading.

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